

TRINITY COLLEGE (DUBLIN).

RETURN to Two Orders of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 February and 7 March 1870;—for,

(ORDER, 23 February 1870.)

COPY "of MEMORIAL from the PROVOST and FELLOWS of TRINITY
COLLEGE, DUBLIN, lately laid before the PRIME MINISTER."

(Colonel French.)

(ORDER, 7 March 1870.)

"COPIES of the PETITIONS of the PROVOST, FELLOWS, and SCHOLARS of
TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, under Corporate Seal, dated the 12th day
of June 1868, and presented to this House on the 9th day of July 1868:"

"And, of the PETITION of certain GRADUATES of the UNIVERSITY of
DUBLIN, presented on the 6th day of March 1868, together with the
Signatures attached thereto."

(The O'Connor Don.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
14 and 16 March 1870.

MEMORIAL from the Provost and Fellows of Trinity College, Dublin, lately laid before the Prime Minister.

DECLARATION.

WE, the undersigned Members of the University of Dublin, engaged in carrying on the work of education, desire to express our conviction—a conviction founded upon long experience—of the advantages of United Academical Education.

We believe that the association of young men of different religious persuasions in the same lecture halls, and at the same common table, is productive of the best results, in assuaging the feelings which are apt to spring from differences of religious creed, and in teaching all to tolerate and respect the conscientious opinions of others.

We believe that these advantages, great under all circumstances, are almost inestimable in a country like Ireland, where sectarian animosities unhappily prevail to a greater extent than elsewhere, and where, consequently, it should be a chief aim of sound moral training to counteract and to mitigate them.

For the last three quarters of a century Trinity College has consistently acted upon this principle, of imparting to all in common the same secular education, without offending the religious convictions of any; and it has recently expressed its willingness to concur in carrying out more thoroughly this policy, by the entire abolition of religious tests.

Concurring, as under the altered circumstances of the country we feel bound to do, in the expediency of this measure, we believe that the overthrow of the system of united education, and the establishment, as has been recently proposed, of denominational colleges in its place, would be a retrograde step in national policy, injurious to sound learning in Ireland, and so far as it succeeded, subversive of true freedom.

17 February 1870.

(signed) *Humphrey Lloyd*, B.A., D.C.L., Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.
John L. Moore, B.A., Vice Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.
Thomas Luby, B.A., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.
Andrew S. Hart, LL.B., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.
John Tolken, M.A., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.
Joseph Carson, B.A., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.
 (And 34 other signatures.)

John Tolken, Registrar,
 Trinity College, Dublin.

1 March 1870.

PETITION of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of Trinity College, Dublin.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled :

The humble Petition of the Provost, Fellows, and Scholars of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, of Queen Elizabeth, near Dublin, under its Corporate Seal,

Showeth,

THAT the University of Dublin, founded by Royal Charter, has existed under its present constitution for nearly 300 years.

That under such constitution it has attained to its present position, the existing number of graduates amounting to over 7,000.

That

That the organic changes which it is now proposed to introduce into the constitution of Trinity College would, as your Petitioners believe, lead necessarily to the substitution of a new and untried system for one which has been confessedly successful; and, by lessening the confidence hitherto felt in the University, tend largely to diminish the number of persons who would otherwise avail themselves of its advantages as a place of education.

That your Petitioners feel justified in stating that the University has faithfully, and with public benefit, carried out the objects for which it was founded.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will not give its authority or sanction to changes which are calculated to interrupt the progress of the University, and mar the benefits which it has hitherto conferred on Ireland.

(signed) *John Tolken*, Registrar,
Trinity College.

12 June 1868.

Corporate
Seal.

PETITION of certain Graduates of the University of Trinity College, Dublin.

To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Graduates of the University of Trinity College, Dublin, and others,

Showeth,

THAT the University of Trinity College was founded in Dublin by Queen Elizabeth, in 1591, for the purpose of promoting education in Ireland, based on the principles of the Protestant religion.

That for three centuries Trinity College has faithfully fulfilled the trust imposed on it by its founder and benefactors, and has in consequence enjoyed the confidence of the Protestant people of Ireland.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that, in any legislation affecting University education in Ireland, the Protestant constitution of the University of Dublin may be preserved unimpaired; and that the Protestant people of Ireland may not be deprived of privileges which they have enjoyed, without interruption, for 300 years.

(signed) *Joseph Napier* (Vice Chancellor of the University).

Sir Edward Grogan.

John L. Moore, D.D., Vice Provost, Trinity College.

Thomas Luby, D.D., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.

Andrew S. Hart, LL.D., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.

Joseph Carson, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College.

William Lee, B.A., Archbishop, King's Lecturer in Divinity, and Archdeacon of Dublin.

Geo. Salmon, D.D., Regius Professor of Divinity.

John Tolken, Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.

John A. Malet, D.D., Senior Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin.

(And 6,351 other signatures.)

VINCENTY COLLEGE (DUBLIN).

COPIES of Manuscripts from the Papers and Libraries
of Vincenty College, Dublin, lately sold to the
Public Library.

(Ordered Printed.)

COPIES of the Papers of the Vincenty, Vincenty,
and Vincenty of Vincenty College, Dublin, sold
17th June 1866, and Presented to the House of
Commons on 16th July 1866, and of the Papers
of various Secretaries of the Government of Ire-
land, presented 17th March 1867, do.

(The O'Connell Book.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
by and at their Office.
